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CALENDAR

Thursday, November 22, 1 to 5 p.m.
Thanksgiving dinner served in dining room.

Tuesday, November 27, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Twilight Jazz with harpist Gregg Buchanan and "No Gap Generation Jazz" leaders Art Miller and Gene Borst, featuring "world's greatest jazz bass" George Duvivier. (story page 3)

Thursday, November 29, 5:30 p.m.
Cocktail reception in honor of Mrs. Edward R. Murrow in the Solarium (9th floor). (Details below)

Tuesday, December 4, 5:30 to 8 p.m.
Cocktails — Salute to Ben Grauer, retired NBC newsman, long-time OPC member and officer, now anchor man of VOA's TV show "New York, New York. With Ben Grauer." (Story pg. 2)

Thursday, December 6 at 8:15 p.m. —
"Marriage of Wine and Song" Program of light, popular German music, sung by Metropolitan Opera performers, celebrating and tasting of German wines. Jack Frummer, Music Committee Chairman will preside. (Details next issue.)

For reservations please call Mary Novick, 581-8700.

RECEPTION TO HONOR

MRS. EDWARD R. MURROW

By RUTH BIEMILLER

Mrs. Edward R. Murrow will be the guest of honor on Thursday November 29 at a 6 to 8 p.m. reception marking her election to honorary membership in the OPC. Mrs. Murrow, members of the Club and invited guests will gather in the 9th floor Solarium at 3 West 51 Street for the occasion. The Edward R. Murrow portrait, a priceless possession of the Club, now hangs in the Members' Lounge of the present headquarters.

Janet Murrow is now executive director of Mt. Holyoke College's

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PRESIDENT RAYMOND OUTLINES OPC PROGRESS AT SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

By DAVID RESNICK

The Overseas Press Club is now in a better position financially than it has been for the past two years and will begin payment on its debt to the Chase Manhattan Bank in January, it was announced by President Jack Raymond at the Semi-Annual Membership Meeting on Oct. 29. He attributed this improved situation to the fact that rigid economies are practiced and the food catering service has been discontinued.

Treasurer Louis Calderoni reported that the Club's assets were approximately \$55,000 on Sept. 30 and the budget for the coming year is \$126,000.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues:

A report on our semi-annual meeting and the details of our current financial situation appears on this page of the Bulletin. While we are all concerned by the size of our debt, that is by no means our most serious problem. In fact, we hope to begin amortizing that debt starting in January.

More troublesome, and a far greater threat to our financial stability, is the failure of some of our members to pay their dues and house accounts on time. More than \$6,000 is owed us on house accounts and more than \$23,000 in past dues. If these accounts were cleared up now, our prospects for the future would be brighter than they have been in recent years.

We have heard that some members are withholding payment of dues because they fear the club will cease to exist. We hope that is not a death wish. The withholding of dues is the surest way to make life difficult, if not impossible, for the OPC to continue.

All the foregoing adds up to an appeal to members to pay up their dues and house accounts. Paying up the more than \$29,000 outstanding could be an immense help in restoring financial stability to the club. Failure to pay up is simply unfair to the majority of our loyal membership.

Jack Raymond

President Raymond said that Ralph Schulz, who was recently named head of the McGraw-Hill World News Service, is serving as Chairman of the OPC Special Membership Drive Committee. John T. McAllister of Newsweek is Chairman of an OPC Committee seeking to enlist members from other professional groups in the field of journalism.

Under chairmanship of Donald Coe of ABC-TV, the Club's Annual Awards Dinner is scheduled to be held in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel next April 22 at the time of the American Newspaper Publishers Association annual meeting. Time Magazine will publish the edition of OPC DATELINE.

Other announcements by President Raymond were that the Club has arranged for publication of a new Directory of Members; a committee from the Board of Governors will start work on selecting candidates for the election of officers next April; it is planned to increase the size of THE BULLETIN as soon as finances permit; and members are invited to submit in writing any suggestions regarding ways to mark the Club's 35th Anniversary in 1974.

At the close of the meeting, Vice President Victor Riesel offered a resolution of thanks and appreciation to the president and other officers for outstanding service to the Club, and this was approved unanimously.

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"OLD PRO" PARTY WILL HONOR BEN GRAUER



Photo by Dick Hanley

Ben Grauer (r.), who will be the OPC's guest at the second "Old Pro" Night on Tues. Dec. 4, reads Mayor Lindsay's proclamation on Jimmy Kilgallen Night. Kilgallen (l.) was the first "Old Pro" honored by the OPC and Grauer, who had been covering the war in the Middle East, came to the party direct from JFK Airport, having flown in that night from Tel Aviv.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 4, the OPC Reunion Committee will host the second in a series of "Old Pro" cocktail parties for distinguished newsmen—this one in honor of Ben Grauer who retired recently after 43 years with NBC radio and television.

Ben presided at almost as many OPC Annual Dinners as he has New Year's Eve celebrations in Times Square. He has served as an OPC vice president and member of the board of governors, as well as a moderator for many OPC panel discussions.

Joining NBC in 1930 soon after his graduation from City College, Ben has vividly described most of the major news events of the past 40 years. The Lindbergh kidnapping, Hauptmann trial, burning of the cruise ship S.S. Morro Castle off Asbury Park, political conventions and Presidential inaugurations, heavyweight title fights and Forest Hills tennis championships, United Nations crises and Arturo Toscanini concerts—NBC's coverage of these historic events all concluded with a familiar sign-off: "This is Ben Grauer."

Ben, who has signed off at NBC after reaching mandatory retirement age, now conducts a TV series for the Voice of America—appropriately titled, "New York, New York, with Ben Grauer."

SPOKESMAN EXPLAINS GERMAN MID-EAST STAND

Dr. Armin Gruenewald, government spokesman and Deputy Director of the German Press and Information office in Bonn, noted in a luncheon meeting at the Overseas Press Club November 1 that "it was only after a Middle-East cease-fire had been concluded that the German government found itself forced to draw the attention of the United States to its militarily neutral position and how this applied in the shipment of war materials to the zone of conflict from its territory."

Dr. Gruenewald, on his first visit to the United States, discussed United States-German relations, in the context of the United States' publicly expressed discontent with the Bonn government. Chancellor Willy Brandt had been critical of the United States' use of Germany as a base for transshipment of war material to the Israelis.

The German government spokesman, in his talk at the Overseas Press Club, discussed foreign policy nuances "off the record". The luncheon was arranged by Julius Hoffmann, Director of the German Information Center in New York. Among the guests, including many "old Germany hands," were: David Binder, *Rob Roy Buckingham*, Robert Clurman, and Gerd Wilcke of the New York Times; John O. Koehler and Stanely Swinton, AP; Richard Hottelet, CBS; Tom Gibson, Business Week; Renator M. Pachetti, Foreign Press Association; Myron Price and Bernard Buck, WNYC; OPC President Jack Raymond; Ingeborg Wurster, German TV; David Berger, Ass'n of German Broadcasters; Manfred Berger, German Information Center; J. Haas-Heye and Gunther Schuetze, German Embassy and Mission.

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PRESS FREEDOM SHRINKING IN LATIN AMERICA

According to the editors and publishers attending the annual meeting of the Inter-American Press Association (IAPA) in Boston last month, freedom of the press in Latin America is weaker than a year ago.

German Ornes, chairman of IAPA's Committee on the Freedom of the Press, reported that only four Latin American countries have a "genuinely free" press: Columbia, Venezuela, Argentina and Guyana. But, he said, the press faces serious threats in the latter two, adding that no one knows what the newly elected President Juan Peron is up to.

Freedom of the press is most limited in Cuba and Haiti, Mr. Ornes told the delegates, and Brazil enforces a "subtle censorship" while newsmen in Peru and Ecuador face "dangerous threats."

To his observation that the military junta in Chile has enforced press censorship and closed at least 25 newspapers and five magazines, Gonzalo Eguigren, of the Santiago conservative paper *La Tribuna*, responded in a subsequent interview: "The newspapers closed are Marxist papers responsible for fomenting violence," adding that his own paper "combats" Marxism.

Outgoing IAPA President Rodrigo Madrigal Nieto, editor and publisher of *La Republica* in San Jose, Costa Rica, said the pressures on journalism come from government ownership of newsprint industries, outright censorship laws, and confusing self-censorship rules.

MRS. MURROW (Cont'd. from page 1)

Friends of Art and Assistant Director of Collections at the college. She weathered the London blitz with Ed and, in her words, "became a sort of season's greetings card," broadcasting from London to the U.S. on the Thanksgiving, Christmas and other holiday activities of Americans stationed in England during World War II. She also did a BBC series on American History for use in English schools.

Before the Normandy invasion, Janet Murrow was a war correspondent, planning to cover hospitals, when then Ambassador John G. Winant persuaded her to serve as American Member of the Secretariat which dealt with relations between U.S. servicemen and British civilians.

The Murrows lived in England from 1937 to 1946. Ed Murrow was a found-

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LETTERS

To The Editor,

One of the little emphasized benefits of membership in the OPC — especially for those who work alone or have no access to corporate insurance plans — is the OPC insurance program through Mutual of Omaha and the Associated Hospital Service of New York.

Since Spring I have undergone the only two major operations of my life. While the surgeon saved my life physically, the OPC insurance program saved my life financially. Hospital and doctors' bills mounted to \$12,961. The Blue Cross paid \$10,885 and Mutual's major medical paid \$7,607. Since these are the only policies I have the difference of \$5,531 helped pay ongoing living expenses. Furthermore, the generous assistance of *Lou Frankel*, Chairman of our Insurance Committee, and *Bob Simpson*, our account executive at Mutual of Omaha, made the collection process easy and quick.

If you should be unfortunate enough to run into major illness, don't look for a friend at your bank — you already have two through the OPC who can do more for you at considerably less cost.

Matt Bassity

'YOUNG MAN AND A HARP' SET FOR TWILIGHT JAZZ

Gregory Buchanan, an exciting 20-year-old harpist from Claremont, Calif., now serving with the U.S. Navy Band in Washington, D.C., will be aboard for the Overseas Jazz Club's twilight jazz session billed as, "Young Man and a Harp," Tuesday, November 27, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the George Washington Ballroom.

He will team up with jazz pros *Art Miller* and *Gene Borst*, leaders of the popular "No Gap Generation Jazz Band" and *George Duvivier* who is recognized in jazz circles as "one of the world's greatest rhythm bassists."

Jazz harpists are scarcer than hen's teeth. "I don't know why," says Buchanan, "maybe it's because a harp is even harder to haul around on gigs than bass, drums, or vibes."

Prior to his OPC debut, the young harpist will perform Nov. 17 at Howard University in Washington, D.C. on the occasion of the 100th commemorative W.C. Handy birthday celebration. Buchanan will include two original jazz compositions in the twilight jazz session, "Bending the Blues" and "Just Riffing."

Reminder: regulations of the American Federation of Musicians prohibit taping.

FAREWELL PARTY SET

FOR BRIAN McKIBBIN

OPCers are invited to join members of the Overseas Yacht Club Tuesday, November 20, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Members Lounge in a farewell drink to *Brian McKibbin*, OYC Harbor Master. After three-and-a-half years as press officer with the Australian Consulate-General in New York, McKibbin is being posted to Australian Information Service headquarters in Canberra. His new title: Liaison Officer, Americas. The A.I.S. is the official information wing of the Australian government.

McKibbin will be leaving November 25 and will hit A.I.S. bureaus in Mexico, L.A., S.F., Hawaii and the South Pacific islands en route to Australia.

MISSING MEMBERS

Mail addressed to the following members is being returned by the post office:

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Phillip H. Wiggins
Kristi Wither
Jesse Zunker

Anyone knowing the present address of any of the above members, please notify the OPC office.

OBITUARY

Edmund Chester, 75, retired news director of CBS radio-TV and a former AP executive, died on October 14 at Mount Dora Florida.

As an OPC member, back in 1948 Chester launched a series of OPC programs on the air which enhanced the Club's prestige and was financially successful.

William B. King, 62, died on October 1 at a local hospital in Charleston, S.C.

After graduating from the U. of S.C., King joined the AP and later worked as AP correspondent in Europe from 1940 until after World War II. In 1951, he joined the USIA and served in Washington, Yugoslavia, England, India, Iraq and

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Pakistan until 1972, when he retired.

Surviving are his widow *Fay*, his daughter *Mrs. T. Russell Foster*, and his mother *Florence*.

Argentina has prohibited foreign agencies from transmitting Argentine news within the country causing AP and UPI to close their national offices in Buenos Aires. The decree did not affect international operations of the agencies.

WNBC-TV hired *Mason Reese* to cover children's news. The seven-year-old *Mason* gained nation-wide attention doing TV commercials and is now the youngest reporter on the air.



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WhoWhatWhere

By GRACE NAISMITH

HONORS: Norman M. Lobsenz has won the "First Place Award" for magazine articles from the Family Service Association of America. The article was "Choosing a Marriage Counselor", in Redbook, March 1973. The award will be presented as one of the 6th biennial national media awards in Los Angeles at the FSA meeting Nov. 12. This is the third time Lobsenz has won this award in the seven times this award has been given. He will receive special recognition for "continuing contributions to family life." He also spoke at the American Association of Marriage and Family Counselors at their annual meeting in Palm Springs, Nov. 4, on "Writing about Marriage for the Lay Reader."...Not only is **Agatha Young's** portrait being hung Nov. 17, in the Ascutney Hospital in Windsor, Vermont, but the library in which it hangs will be the Agatha Young Medical Library.

NEW LOOK: Patrick E. Nieburg new deputy assistant director for Latin America, U.S. Information Service, Washington, D.C. Nieburg for 12 years served overseas for U.S.I.S. in Latin America, Southeast Asia, and Europe...**Tom Wood**, editor of the Lost Generation Journal, has accepted an appointment as associate professor of journalism at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Dr. Wood, formerly reporter for the Tulsa Daily World for nearly 20 years, was professor of journalism and history at the University of Tulsa...**John L. Guenther** has been elected a vice president in the public relations division of Albert Frank-Guenther Law, Inc.

PUBLISHING EVENTS: Josephine Lyons has done a documentary for TV on Peking Man for Heritage Films.... Janice and Charles Robbins have a piece in International Wildlife, Nov.-Dec. issue, "Sahara, Ocean of Fire."...**Jean Baer's** book, "The Second Wife" will be in paperback in December - Pyramid.

HITHER AND THITHER: DeWitt Davidson, of The Travel Agent, in Munich...**Nola Luxford Dolberg** and husband (Ranchita Glenola, La Canada), are in Mexico. Nola still active in Keep America Beautiful and the National Humane Society...**George McCadden** at the new and impressive headquarters of the London Press Club as first paying guest. Opening night went through 900 bottles of "French bubbly." The new club is at International Press Centre on Shoe

Lane, just off Fleet Street. OPC-ers welcome. The McCaddens will be in London until Feb.; address: 21, Burleigh Mansions 20, Charing Cross Road, London WC2, Eng...**Jean Sprain Wilson** back from London.... **Dorothy Ingling** back from Mexico - Puerta Vallarta and Guadalajara, Puebla, Monte Alban and San Miguel de Allende...**Charles Campbell** back from Scotland and Italy....

LOVE STORY: One of the founders of the Overseas Press Club, **Mary Lamar Knight**, married Felton "Mac" McConnell in Loveland, Ohio, July 21. According to The Loveland Herald, "Mary Knight and 'Mac' McConnell, who were college sweethearts back in Georgia in the 1920's, were shrewdly brought together by a mutual acquaintance after he found out 'Mac' was widowed and living alone. The re-acquaintance led to a re-kindling of the romance that existed 50 years ago and is now continuing in the 70-year-old hearts of two great people." Mary Knight had been a UPI correspondent, interviewing such greats as Mahatma Gandhi, Chiang Kai-Shek, Chou-En-lai, the Prince of Siam. Mary was known as the "Stunt Girl of the UP", danced in a Radio City Rockette show and a dime-a-dance palace, covered a prize fighter's training camp and played in a movie with W.C. Fields - all for a story. The Loveland Herald does not say what Mr. McConnell does, but he "was a colorful and adventuresome fellow" in the area and the couple will live on "his beautiful retirement farm."

ALL IN THE FAMILY: Renee Mason, UPI stringer in the British Virgin Islands, has named **Wilma Dobie**, OPC jazz expert, godmother to a new son, David Mason. Named godfather is Louis Calta, cultural editor of the New York Times.

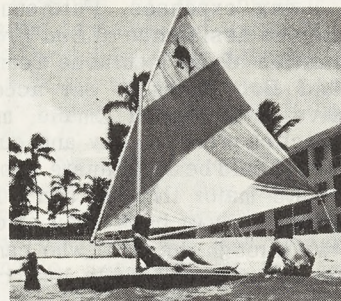
MRS. MURROW (Cont'd. from page 2)

ing member of the OPC. He and **Clare Booth Luce** were an effective OPC money-raising team, particularly for the Club's first building fund.

Mary Hemingway, friend of the Murrows from the London blitz days, is chairman of the Janet Murrow evening.

At the RTNDA convention in Seattle last month, the Edward R. Murrow documentary awards were presented to WCCO, Minneapolis, and to KCBS, San Francisco.

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